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The City of Bloomington complies with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its services, programs, or activities. Upon request, accommodation will be provided to allow individuals with disabilities to participate in all City of Bloomington services, programs, and activities. The City has designated coordinators to facilitate compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), and to coordinate compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations. For more information, contact the Human Services Division, City of Bloomington, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431-3027; 952-563-8733 (Voice); 952-563-8740 (TTY).

Upon request, this information can be available in Braille, large print, audio tape and/or electronic format.



GOING GLOBAL!  
A CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY

Mark your calendar for a celebration of global proportions on **Saturday, June 25, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**, at Civic Plaza.

The 4th annual Global Celebration will feature a variety of cultural entertainment and activities, including music by the Bavarian Musikmeisters and Mexican cuisine by La Loma.

The Global Celebration is sponsored by the Human Rights Commission and the City of Bloomington. For more information, call 952-563-8733.

**WEBSITE KEYWORDS: GLOBAL CELEBRATION.**

ANIMAL CONTROL CORNER  
DANGEROUS DOG REGULATION

To ensure our community remains safe for people and pets alike, Bloomington Animal Control enforces the regulation of dangerous dogs.

Dangerous dogs are those dogs that have, without provocation, inflicted substantial bodily harm on a human being on public or private property or killed a domestic animal without provocation while off the owner's property.

All persons owning a dog that has been designated as dangerous must register and license their animal with the City yearly. In addition, the owner must display a warning sign on their property, see left, as well as on their dog's collar.



For more information, contact Animal Control at 952-563-4942.



A SEASON FOR FUN

FIREWORKS SAFETY  
DON'T GET BURNED THIS SUMMER

National Fire Protection Association data shows that more fires are reported on July 4 than any other day. More than half of these fires are caused by fireworks. You can enjoy the holiday without mishap by following these safety tips:

- Use only consumer fireworks, such as sparklers, fountains and spinners, that are sold in Minnesota. Fireworks that explode, such as firecrackers, or that are shot in the air, such as bottle rockets, are not legal for public sale, possession or use in Minnesota.
- Children should never play with fireworks without supervision.
- Read and follow the instructions on each device.
- Never place any part of your body over the firework device while lighting it and never relight a malfunctioning device.
- Keep areas clear where fireworks are used and have a bucket of water or a garden hose nearby in case of fire.

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display. Come to Bloomington's Summer Fete, *see page 4*, where you can safely enjoy a spectacular show orchestrated by professionals.



IN THE COMMUNITY

GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR HOUSE  
FREE HOME IMPROVEMENT SEMINAR SERIES



Don't miss this opportunity to learn from the experts. Hosted by the Bloomington Housing and Redevelopment Authority, these free home improvement seminars take place **Thursdays at 7 p.m.**, in the Civic Plaza Rehearsal Hall, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road. Seminar topics include:

- June 23 – Choosing and Installing the Proper Water Heater for Your Home**  
Covers information on water softeners, water filter systems, tankless water heaters and more.
- July 21 – Do-It-Yourself Bathroom Remodeling**  
Focuses on how to install a new toilet, vanity, bathtub or shower.
- August 18 – Winterize Your Home and Reduce Energy Costs**  
Includes information on weather stripping doors and windows, maintaining a furnace for efficiency and wrapping water pipes.

No registration is required. For more information, call Tom Holman at 952-563-8941.

**WEBSITE KEYWORDS: HRA WORKSHOP.**

ON THE RIVER  
A GRAND PLEASURE EXCURSION

The Bloomington Historical Society and the Thoreau Society are hosting a Minnesota River cruise, **Saturday, June 18, 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.**, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Henry David Thoreau's month-long 1861 journey to Minnesota. For more information, call 952-881-4327 or visit [www.bloomingtonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.bloomingtonhistoricalsociety.org).

AN ALTERNATIVE TO COAL-TAR BASED SEALANTS  
YOUR CHOICE CAN IMPACT LOCAL WATER BODIES

The shiny black coating applied to parking lots and driveways may look nice, but can contain high concentrations of a chemical compound that can affect the quality of our water.

Driveway sealants that are coal-tar based can wear off and contaminate water bodies. That's because coal-tar based sealants contain polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), which can accumulate in the sediment of ponds connected to storm sewer systems. Some PAHs are known carcinogens and are persistent in the environment, while others decompose easily and are of little risk. Coal-tar based sealants contain approximately 1,000 times more PAHs than asphalt-based sealants, which is why the City continues to use an asphalt-based emulsified sealer during annual street sealcoating.

Before you sealcoat your driveway, be sure to ask your retailer or contractor for an asphalt-based sealant.

**WEBSITE KEYWORDS: COAL TAR.**